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By Sam Irwin

Wilven Hayes of Henderson is a fisherman. A commercial fishermen.

He's not a commercial shrimper or a crabber, nor is he an oysterman. He is among the last of a dying breed, one of the few who remember what is was like to ply the waters of the Atchafalaya River with an array of hoop, snag and seine nets and a bateau barge powered by a tiny one-cylinder, putt-putt motor.

At age 72 he still actively fishes the Atchafalaya River for buffalo, gaspergou and catfish, Louisiana's fresh water commercial

Not much has changed in the world of commercial fishing. Yes, the boats are made with aluminum instead of cypress and marine plywood. And the slow inboard one-cylinder motors, the Nadlers and Lockwood-Ashes,

have given way to powerful outboard Evinrudes, Johnsons and Mercurys, but the hard work and low fish prices remain.

Fishing is a way of life for Hayes.

"I started with my daddy in the woods when I was about six years old," Hayes remembered. "When I was strong enough to hold onto the nets 66 years ago I was in the boat. In them days the biggest motor they got was an 8-horse Lockwood. That was top of the line."

With the rapid expansion of the crawfish and pond-raised catfish market and the Gulf of Mexico oil boom during the 1960s and 70s, many commercial fishermen either switched to crawfishing or found offshore jobs.

And while others left the fish business, Hayes continued to see a market for fresh fish and opened his own fish dock on the banks of Bayou Amy in 1976. He continued to catch, buy and sell commercial fish, but also dabbled

in the crawfish market. Ultimately, he was squeezed out of the crawfish business by the flood of cheap Asian imports, but found an unexpected market for buffalo as crawfish bait.

"I've been shipping buffalo to Shreveport once a week since 1978," Hayes said. "But the buffalo market is next to gone. Without the crawfish farming you could just quit fishing buffalo. In the old days, even 30 years ago, Shreveport was buying a thousand boxes of buffalo a week.

The buffalo is perfectly suited for the Atchafalaya Basin, the last great river swamp system in America. The fish, native to the south-central United States, spawns in the backwaters of the region and can reach a size in excess of 40 pounds. It was not uncommon for fishermen to catch thousands of pounds of the carp-like fish in one run in the 1940s, '50s and '60s. But the levee system along the Mississippi River eliminated much of the buffalo's breeding swamps and ponds. Severely reduced fish habitat caused a sharp decline in

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fish numbers and the market dwindled to a fraction of its former size.

By late April, basin water levels are dropping and Hayes begins the process of moving

his hoop nets from the shallow edges of the Atchafalaya River to the

On most days, he starts his run at daybreak at Butte La Rose and quickly powers his 20-foot aluminum bateau down the Upper Grand River of the Atchafalaya to just north of the Whiskey Bay channel junction. (Years of dredging by the Army Corps of Engineers have combined the channels of the Atchafalaya River, Whiskey Bay

Grand River, Tensas Bay, Bayou La Rompe and others waterways to build a main thoroughfare through the swamp.)

As generations of Atchafalaya fishermen

have been doing for more than 100 years, Hayes uses the hoop net to trap fish from the river bottom.

The net trap is comgradually smaller concentric fiberglass hoops connected with tarred nylon twine to form a flue of funnel-shaped The smaller nets. tapered and closed end of the netting is anchored to the river bottom with an iron rebar anchor. The current forces the larger hoops to expand like the

bellows of an accordion until the widest hoops are fully extended 20 feet downstream. A float attached to the net mouth is swept downstream by water current and keeps the netting fully elongated.

The fish swim upstream through the murky water into the funnels while the mesh traps the larger fish and allows the small fry to escape. Normally Hayes does not bait his nets, but when water levels are low he will use corn or compressed soybean cake.

Hayes, dressed in typical fisherman garb, rubber hip boots, khaki shirt, cap and work gloves, steers his boat to the first of 23 nets he will be raising for the morning run. He grabs the float, an old bleach bottle, quickly finds the net's tarred lead rope and begins drawing the submerged trap closer to the boat's low gunwales. The first hoop breaks the water's surface and he yanks it into the boat. The rest

> of the hoops follow like an oversized Slinky toy into the vessel.

> Hayes said the task of hauling the nets into the watercraft is more of a pulling than a lifting.

> "You can't lift the net in," Hayes said. "You pull it in rather than lift. Sometimes you got 40 or 50 of them buffalos in there. You get a hoop over and then you roll it in. Once you start rolling the net into the boat they come in."

> Hayes methodically rolls the netted hoops over the gunwales allowing them to pile upon each other and flatten. The only sound on the otherwise deserted river is the occasional knock of the fiberglass hoops against the aluminum hull. Finally the last upstream funnel emerges from the black water and the air is filled with the splashing of 20 or 30 fish struggling to escape the nylon netting. Hayes draws the last hoop to the surface, opens a drawstring and spills

the catch into the boat.

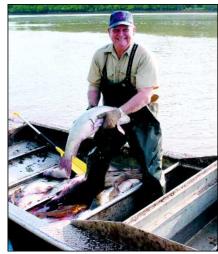
The experienced Hayes makes the job look easy, but he is well aware the inherent danger of river work. An underwater hazard can strike even the most veteran of fishermen at any moment.

"I brought my son-in-law last year with me when the buffalo were running good down in Benoit Swamp. I had both wells full of fish," Hayes recounted. "There was a stump that posed of a series of came out the water hidden by the lilies. I wasn't going fast, but just fast enough to bring the front up a little bit, but I hit the stump."

> Hayes said the stump raised the bow slightly, but the weight of the fish, probably 1,000 pounds, forced the stern down suddenly, which rapidly filled with water. The boat sank and Hayes lost all of his catch and boat.

> The fishermen managed to find a piece of driftwood to prop across two stumps so they could climb out the water.

> "We had to let our hip boots go. We were in nine foot of water," Hayes said. "We had to See Setting sun, page 2



Wilven Hayes is one of a dwindling number of commercial fishermen Pilot's Channel, Upper in the Atchafalava Basin.



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get out of the water. It was so cold that when it hit your chest it would take the wind out of you."

Hayes and his son-in-law perched on the driftwood all day until help came shortly after dark.

Hayes used low water levels on a recent late spring fishing trip as an opportunity to pull nets from the swamp for repair and replacement. Hoops and twine heap a pile of wetness on top of the boat's secondary well and cast off an aromatic scent that can only be described as swampy.

Hayes crisscrosses the river several times as he checks his nets near the banks of the Atchafalaya. Typically he runs nearly 100 nets, but other obligations have forced him to cut back to 23 for this particular day. He completes half of his run before pausing to transfer the growing pile of fish lying exposed on the boat's floor into a covered well amidships. There is no easy way to execute this labor so he must bend



down to lift each fish before flinging it into the hold. Most of the buffalo, gaspergou and catfish weigh in excess of 10 pounds while many are 20 or 30 pounds. A few behemoth catfish, weighing more than 60 pounds, would be record-breakers if caught on a fishing pole, line and hook. But netting large catfish on the Atchafalaya is nothing new to Hayes. Besides, he is always focused on the value of his catch and work.

"The market itself for buffalo with the cost of operations is going," Hayes said as he bailed bloody fish water from the boat with a scoop fashioned from an old anti-freeze jug. "I'm getting the same price in the California market as I did 25 years ago. Medium and large buffalo dressed with the head cut and boxed are 50 cents a pound."

Hayes said today's generation doesn't know how to cook in the same manner as folks who lived through the Depression years of the 1930s.

"That's a good consumer fish to eat," Hayes said. "You take that fish, if you know what to do with a buffalo, and it's a better taste than catfish. But you got to know how to tear that meat and get around them bones."

By 11 a.m. Hayes finishes his run and has delivered the catch to his fish market in Henderson. There he must repeat the back-breaking task of physically lifting each fish from the boat's well to throw onto the weight scale. His catch for the day is 398 pounds. His daughter, Christy, manager of the market, pours the fish from the scale bucket into plastic mesh tubs. She and her father will gut the gaspergou and buffalo and skin the catfish. Whatever buffalo he cannot sell to his market customers will be chopped and frozen for later sale as crawfish bait

Hayes still has a decent retail market for the big Atchafalaya catfish. He said young folks are missing out by not eating the

tasty wild Atchafalaya catfish. "The generation now, they d

"The generation now, they don't know how to cook hardly no more," Hayes said. "They'll get that stuff with no taste out of a superstore if they need to fry a fish or something."

He has picked up some of his nets for repair and will soon move his traps to the deeper, cooler and faster water of the Whiskey Bay channel.

A few things have gotten easier for the commercial fisherman during Hayes' decades of fishing. Rebar anchors are readily available but at one time, a fisherman might have used anything heavy, like an engine block, to hold his net in place.

Years ago, durable and lighter fiberglass hoops replaced oak. A broken fiberglass hoop can easily be repaired with PVC pipe and doesn't need to be coated with tar every three weeks or replaced five times a year.

Cool asphalt-based tar is used now instead of a hot mix to waterproof hoops and nylon nets.

Despite these innovations, market forces have all but killed the commercial fishing usefulness of the Atchafalaya Basin. Fluctuating water levels in the Basin do not allow for a reliable and predictable catfish and crawfish supply. Most of that market is now supplied by farm pond production.

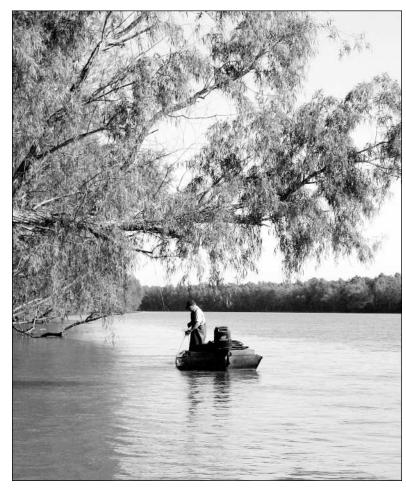
There are only a handful of commercial fishermen left, most elderly, and when they pass away, the commercial fishing era of the Atchafalaya will most likely be gone, Hayes said. The tradition will die as well, but he is undeterred.

As long as there is a crawfish market, crawfishermen will need bait for their traps. And as long as they need bait, Hayes will continue raising his hoop nets like his father did and the Atchafalaya fishermen who came before him.

Fishing is his way of life. He wouldn't have it any other way

Commercial fisherman Wilven Hayes hauls a catch of buffalo, gaspergou and catfish into his boat in the Atchafalaya River. At age 72, Hayes stills runs his nets more than three times a week (top). The buffalo catch is weighed and poured into plastic baskets to be stored for gutting later (left). Large catfish are still skinned using a wall hook and fish pliers (right).





Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

A joint investigation by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the Arkansas Forestry Commission resulted in the federal grand jury indictment of a Strong, Ark., man who allegedly cut timber valued at more than \$246,000 for landowners and did not pay them, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said.

Kenneth Shelton, Lovett Road in Strong, was indicted May 9 on two counts of interstate transportation of stolen timber and 13 counts of mail fraud. He was arraigned in Federal District Court in El Dorado,

"The indictment stemmed from complaints received by investigators involving timber that Shelton cut in Claiborne and Union Parishes in Louisiana and Union County in Arkansas," Odom said. "The citizens of Louisiana and Arkansas are fortunate that our investigators work so well together to solve cases such as this. What's most important to the investigators is protecting the landowners of each state and making sure justice is carried out."

According to Jim Baldwin, LDAF forestry enforcement supervisor, the first complaint against Shelton was filed by a family that owns 260 acres of timber off the Clarence Ivy Road in Claiborne Parish near Haynesville. In February 2003, Shelton allegedly agreed to cut their timber and divide the money among the heirs.

"After the timber was harvested, the family says they never received payment," Baldwin said. "We found that about \$145,000 worth of timber had been transported across state lines from Claiborne Parish to

mills in Arkansas."

The second complaint involved about 60 acres of timber that are owned by a man who lives in Union County, Ark. Investigators found 47 loads of timber had been harvested from the property allegedly by Shelton.

"The owner was promised \$25,000 for the timber but never received it," Baldwin said.

The third complaint involved 160 acres of timber in Union Parish. Investigators found the owner had not been paid for 10 loads of timber that were removed from his property.

"In all, we discovered that Shelton allegedly cut 322 loads of timber valued at \$246,032.69 and only paid one landowner \$5,700," Baldwin said. "We also found a number of checks that had been sent by timber companies in Louisiana and Arkansas through the mail to Shelton or to a third party who in turn paid Shelton."

Odom said investigators are talking to other families who may have been scammed by Shelton.

"More information will be available as the case progresses through the courts," Odom said.

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Reg. Belgian team 9 yr. geld., 7 yr. mare, gentle, will work all farm implements, parade ready, \$4500. Steve Duplechin, Eunice; (337) 457-0716.

(3) solid blk. Arabian stud colts, exceptional quality, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, \$2500/1-up. D. Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 351-3815 or (337) 585-2642.

2001 AQHA bay geld., 15.1 hands, Mr. Peponita Flo, Shorty Lena, Playboy's Cocktail breeding, \$4500. Audrey DeValcourt, Zachary; (225) 658-2058.

Peruvian Paso geld., 4 yrs., saddle trained, gentle, no vices, \$3500-\$4500, others avail., all ages, colors & levels of training. Bill Clattenburg, Montpelier; www.clattenburgranch.com or (225) 777-4909.

AQHA 17 yr. sorrel geld., anyone can ride, cuts, sorts, pens, can do it all, lots of cow, \$5000 obo. C. Simoneaux, Port Allen; (225) 627-4630

2002 AQHA liver chestnut geld., top by son of Haidas Lil Pep, bottom by daughter of Jose Uno, very well started, great disp., must see, \$2500. K. Simoneaux, Port Allen; (225) 627-4630.

2000 APHA blk. geld., top Weiscamp, bottom Doc Bar King, started on timed events & heeling, has 30 days on cattle, w/Bill Dixon, \$1800. Dawn Broussard, Gonzales; (225) 675-8592.

AQHA 7 yr. bay broodmare, w/filly colt at side, Peppy San Badger bloodline on mare, filly out of Lynx Quil China Bar, \$1200. T. Rogers, Lettsworth: (225) 492-2478.

AMHA reg. miniature horses, mares, fillies & colts, \$1000/1-up. Brenda Hebert, Covington; www.goldenmeadow-minis.com, (985) 893-7907 or (985) 373-1393.

1999 AQHA bay geld., 15.1 hands, walks, trots, lopes, stops & backs, some trail, ready to be worked, Obvious Conclusion, Gray Pie Too, Leon San, for pictures www.cenlabarrels.org & select media link, financing considered, \$2000. Sheila Chandler, Jena; (318) 992-0311.

2003 AQHA pal. stallion grandson of Sonny Dee Bar, super nice colt, start your breeding program now, \$2000. Russell Taylor, Alexandria; (318) 484-9124 or (318) 442-0596.

2003 APHA geld. bay, w/4 wh. stockings & tail, 4-H shown, handled daily by child, nice WP or youth prospect, dbl. bred Kindfisher/Impressive, \$1500 obo. Michelle Taylor, Alexandria; (318) 484-9124 or (318) 442-0596.

3 yr. red & wh. paint geld., broke, ready to ride, \$850. Keith Matte, Branch; (337) 334-9272.

Paso Fino Walker, 9 yr. geld., good trail rider, up to date on all shots, smooth gait, \$800. Marion Borel, Abbeville; (337) 296-4507.

6 yr. blk. & wh. TW mare, very gentle to ride, well gaited, \$1300 other paints to choose from. Cameron Hudson, Pineville; (318) 641-1935.

14 yr. calf roping bay mare, won money in pro rodeos, won college playoffs '03, quiet in box, honest, \$7000. Wesley Arcement, Raceland; (985) 688-7673 or (985) 537-5912.

8 yr. reg. Thoroughbred mare, barrel prospect, \$1000; 4 yr. unreg. paint geld, green broke, \$650; yrlg. reg. Thoroughbred stud colt, \$600. Sarina Lirette, Bourg; (985) 665-0464.

1996 POA geld., grade, 12.2 hands, well trained, white, best alone or w/gelds., \$1200; '03 APHA mare, grulla roan, leads, loads, stands for farrier, \$800. Kimberly Biddle, Deville; (318) 466-9279.

Reg. paint stud colt, flashy gray & wh., 2 yrs., shown in halter, ready to be broke, performance bloodlines, Colonel Freckles, \$5000. Erica Bass, New Iberia; (337) 365-7480 or (337) 523-2433.

12 yr. AQHA sorrel barrel horse, money & saddle earner, Dash for Cash & Comet Jr. bloodline, free running, no pushing needed, extra fast, \$5500. David Wallace, Independence; (985) 878-3149.

11 yr. AQHA can chaser, auto-

matic-n-turn, winner on track, hauled & ran, \$4000. D. Wallace, Independence; (985) 878-3149.

(2) AQHA, Corey's, '03 model, looks like twins, Gray Badger bloodline, colt & filly, exceptional disp. & conform., great barrel prospects, \$1200-\$1500. D. Wallace, Independence; (985) 878-3149.

Thoroughbred stud colt, 2 yrs., halter broke, \$1000; App. mare, w/saddle, 10 yrs., \$1500; 3 yr. paint filly, \$500. Vin Theriot, Breaux Bridge; (337) 228-2589.

Reg. AQHA, App. colts & fillies, studs & broodmares, 3/N/1 packages, \$1000/1-up. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

13 mo. reg. AQHA colt, halter broke, sorrel, w/3 wh. socks & blaze, grandson of Smart Little Lena, \$1800. Earl or Kathi Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-8639 or (318) 729-3858.

Miniature horses, reg. & non reg. mares, colts & fillies, solids & pintos, all ages & colors, \$350/1-up. Jerome Hammons, Many; (318) 256-2420.

(2) reg. APHA broodmares, direct daughters of Skips Jet a Leo, big 1200 lb. open mares, each has had 1 colt, \$800/1 or \$1500/both. Harry Marionneaux, Plaquemine; (225) 659-2444.

Poco Beuno foundation AQHA bloodline, '05 weans., \$1000/1. Katherin Hollifield, DeRidder; (337) 462-0964.

2005 AQHA lineback dun filly, blaze w/plenty of crome, top Sugar Bars, Poco Bueno, Wonder Baby, Wimpy's Ojos, bottom Poco, Boaz, Mr. Blackburn & Doc Bar, \$2500. Charles Seal, Oakdale; (318) 748-8572

2005 AQHA sorrel filly, blaze, top Sugar Bar, Three Bars, Poco Lena, Doc Bar, Dry Doc, Poco Bueno, Lightning Bar, bottom Dry Doc, Three Bars, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, \$2500; '05 AQHA pal. colt, blaze, w/2 stockings, top Impressive, Blondy's Dude, Poco, Small Town Dude, Skipa Star, bottom Impressive, Princess Sauaw Too, Bo Ability, Brio, What a Bonanza, \$2000. C. Seal, Oakdale; (318) 748-8572.

2000 Reg. AQHA Hancock, Jack blue roan geld., started on roping, great pleasure horse, very gentle, \$3000. Russell Beauchamp, St. Francisville; (225) 635-9823.

Wanted: miniature horses, reg. or non-reg., mostly mares & colts, 1-25 head. Don Wilson, Oakdale; (318) 335-0607.

Dixieland performance horses, world-class trainers, 2 world championships in '01, we train, show & sell, training all breeds, openings avail. now for training. Donnie or Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (602) 509-6220.

STALLION SERVICE

MFT stallion, Chaseland's Jambalaya D.M., red roan, 15.1 hands, approved under saddle, Missouri Rambler E, Jolly's Red Shadow bred, all normal guarantees, \$300/\$5 mare care. Donnie Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earth-link.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (602) 509-6220.

App. stallion, Obvious Steel, beautiful blk./wh. blanket, Obvious Colours, Jossteelmagnolia, all normal guarantees, \$300/\$5. Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (602) 509-6220.

1998 golden pal., 14.2 hands, wide muscular build, pro trained for cutting, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Poco Bueno, Leo Wimpy, \$300/\$3 mare care. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

2001 bay stallion, 14.2 hands, well built, pro trained, now being shown in cutting, lots of cow, Tanquery Gin, Doc O'Lena, Royal King, Doc Bar, Doc's Sug bloodlines, \$400/\$3 mare care. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

Blk. & wh. App., Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, \$200/\$3 mare care. H. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

AQHA pal., Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

8 yr. grandson of Puddenhead, bay star, great disp., \$400/\$4 mare care. Jeanette B. Jackson, Jennings; www.quarter-horse.com or (337) 824-1642.

Straight Egyptians at stud, Norus son, IBN Moniet, Farazdac, Tuhotmos, Imperial Imdal grandson, \$750. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

Blk. mammoth Jack, 15.2 hands, w/wh. points, \$200; red mammoth Jack, 14.2 hands, \$150. C. J. Guidry, Rayne; (337) 280-5117.

2001 AQHA gray stallion, great disp. & conform., War Leo, Leo San & Doc's Prescription, \$300/\$6 mare care. Tracy Frazier, Baker; (225) 937-4910.

Foundation bred buckskin QH stallion, \$200. Paul Harrison, Amite; (985) 748-7780.

SHEEP & GOATS

Boer goats, ABGA, 3 mo. wether, \$40/1-up; bucks, 75%-98%, \$60/1-up; nannies 75%, \$100/1. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252.

100% Boer goats, (3) males, \$200/1-up; (3) females, \$300/1-up, all 3 mos.; (3) females, 4 yrs., \$350/1-up. Neal White, Prairieville; (225) 673-8475 or (225) 571-8888.

Reg. fb Boer goats, w/papers, does w/twins, heavy bred does & young bucks & does, \$125/1-up. Leroy Arabie, Eunice; (337) 546-0360.

Pb & ADGA Nubian bucks & does, \$100/1-up. Julie Allgood, Baton Rouge; (225) 755-6076.

Reg. & unreg. St. Croix rams & wethers, many to choose from, \$60/1-up. David Reinhart, Simpson; (337) 383-6108.

Boer goats, all categories, \$75/1-up. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Katahdin sheep, some w/Dorper, \$50-\$80/1. R. J. Girard, Scott; (337) 873-4418.

100% Boer billy, w/papers, \$165. Norris Deville, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7000.

Several fb Boer goats, bucks & does, 3 mos., superior genetics, color correct, good show qualities, \$200/1-up; several 2-3 yrs., open nannies, \$250/1-up. Anthony Mumphrey, Eunice; (337) 550-0826.

(4) **fb young** Boer bucks & (4) Boer does, fb, 4 mos., \$200/1-up; (4) fb open nannies, 1-2 yrs., \$250/1-up, all color correct, excel. genetics, show quality. A. Mumphrey, Eunice; (337) 550-0826.

Pb Katahdin sheep, 4-6 mos., (4) males, (7) females, \$50/1. B. Soileau, Mamou; (337) 468-5622.

Katahdin sheep, 1 yr. ewe, grand champ. lamb, reg., w/papers, \$300. Adrienne Andrus, Basile; (337) 432-5071.

Reg. Boer goats, \$125/1-up. Marty Martinez, Livingston; (225) 698-1723.

Rare St. Croix hair sheep, reg. stock, excel. mild flavored meat, no shearing, best worm resistance tropical sheep, males, \$150. Jeff Kuehnny, Clinton; (225) 235-3936.

Pb Katahdin sheep, young male & female, \$50/1. Preston Leger, Scott; (337) 873-3646.

15 mo. Boer doe, good bloodlines, 10th place at IBGA nationals, \$200. Keli Hayden, Holden; (225) 567-3661

Fb Boer buck, born 2/7/05, \$225. Patrick Carriere, Carencro; (337) 896-3808.

Reg. IBGA fb Boer buck, correct color, excel. bloodline, no horns, proven breeder, fantastic disp., born 12/26/03, mother paint, \$525, younger bucks avail. Robert Richard, Carencro; (337) 896-6264

Wanted: full size female doe goats, for brush clean up, reasonably priced & non-reg. VS, Bogalusa; (985) 735-7622.

Wanted: (3) or (4) females & (1) buck, no registered goats, plain brush goats. Jude Hernandez, Lafayette; (337) 984-5985.

Wanted: good brush goats, 2-4 yrs., bred, w/trade rd. bale of hay. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Reg. Schipperke pups, (1) male, 9 mos., (2) females, 3 mos., good ratters, \$200. Jerome Hammons, Many; (318) 256-2420.

Blue heeler pup, 6 mos., female, current on all shots & vacc., tail docked, needs training, beautiful color, out of working stock, \$50. J. Rogers, Lettsworth; (225) 492-2478.

Reg. German short hair pups, born 5/3/05, both parents hunt, \$250. R. Nix, Mandeville; (985) 727-9758.

ABC reg. border collie pups, great working bloodline, parents on premises, will make good working dogs or family pet, blk./wh. males, born 4/11/05, \$200/1. R. Romero, Abbeville; (337) 898-5890 or (337) 278-8630.

Brindle blackmouth cow dog gip, hunts, bays & drives, 5 yrs., \$500, also started dogs, these dogs bay hogs also. Lawrence Fontenot, Reeves; (337) 666-2798.

AKC lab pups, yellow/chocolate, sire has champ. bloodline, born 4/1/05; beautiful & very stocky build, pictures can be emailed, \$175 cash. Jennifer, Jonesville; (318) 481-2739 or (318) 339-8240.

AKC reg. Doberman pups, from the famed Kimbertail line, known for size & good nature, brown/rust & blk./rust males avail., \$500/1. Randy Baudoin, Denham Springs; baroquefarms@cox.net or (225) 665-2186.

AKC reg. Doberman male, large, well natured, proven sire, blk./rust, \$300. Anna Baudoin, Denham Springs; baroquefarms@cox.net or (225) 665-2186

CKC blue heeler pups, out of working parents, both parents on premises, have bred this Queensland bloodline for 12 yrs., docked tails, wormed & first vacc., \$150/1. Sue Robertson, Opelousas; (337) 942-4280.

AKC Pembroke Welsh corgi, born 6/3/04, black & tan markings, good breeder or pet, \$600. Rickey Pender, Colfax; (318) 627-3086.

Rat terrier pups, pb, born 3/21/05, (3) females left, excel. squirrel, ratter, varmint & companion dogs, \$100/1. F.X. Heffron, Sr., Starks; (337) 743-6790.

Belgian Malinois pups, 7 wks., males & females, mother on premises, excel. bloodline, \$600/1. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252

Yellow lab pups, AKC & UKC reg., excel. hunting or field trail, dew claws removed, \$250. Don Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-9100 or (318) 305-3374.

Wanted: blk./silver German Shepherd, preferably female, or knowledge of breeders or sellers. Judy Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

SWINE

Feeder/weanling pigs, weaning to 200 lbs., corn fed, on concrete, \$45/1-up. J. B. Richard, Scott; (337) 269-1755.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

American singers, \$160/1; red factors, \$170/1. Charles Cupit, Bossier City; (318) 746-8494.

11 yr. yellow nape Amazon breeder, \$650; pr. sun conures, 4

yrs., proven, \$450. Faye Taylor, Benton; (318) 965-5770.

Indian ringneck parakeets, '04 & '05 hatch, blues, turquoise, green/blue, violet-green, slate, violets, also breeder prs., \$50/1-\$2000/pr. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Parakeets, breeders, (5) flights, (10) hens, (13) males, in each flight, sold by weight, \$100/1; flight free nest boxes, w/flight, no checks. Joe Hains, Jr., New Orleans; (504) 241-6245.

Button quail, \$3.5/1; cockatiels, cinn., pearls, pieds, wh.faced, \$25-\$35/1; parakeets, \$10/1. Aaron Fuselier, Mamou; (337) 457-5667.

Orange-face lovebirds, lutinos, olive, cinn. normals split to lutino, \$25-\$50/1; other fancy color lovebirds, \$100/4, quantity disc. Dale Landry, Paincourtville; (985) 369-6952.

Canaries, yellow, \$50/1; red factor, \$60/1; Spanish Timbrados, \$150/pr; breeding cages, \$15/1. Rasem Hamed, Gretna; (504) 874-2335.

Cockatiels, \$20/1; blue mask lovebirds, \$35/1; parakeets, \$7/1. Lance Nelson, Gonzales; (225) 978-0778.

Hf cockatiels, \$40/1; zebra finches, \$5/1; breeder cockatiels, males only, \$15/1; button quail, \$6/1; parakeets, \$7/1. J. G. Robertson, Denham Springs; (225) 777-4791.

Ringneck dove normals & wh., \$7.5 & \$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

(2) Military macaw, 6 mos., parent raised, hf, can be handled, still young enough to teach tricks, \$800/1. Jessica, Opelousas; (337) 945-2670.

Blue & gold macaws, \$1100/pr.; Goffin cockatoos, \$900/pr.; proven Congo African grays, \$1300/pr.; female Congo, \$500/1; female Senegal, \$300/1; male Hahn's macaw, \$500. Clara Broussard, Abbeville; (337) 893-6745.

Hf baby parrots, very tame & oh so lovable, (3) sun conure parrots, \$300/1; (2) lutino cockatiels, \$65/1. Melanie, Pineville; (318) 641-1226 or (318) 792-4808.

Baby Quakers, \$150/1; lovebirds, \$45/1-up; Am. parakeets, \$12/1. Karen Gros, Baton Rouge; lsu_is_number_1@yahoo.com or (225) 936-0954.

(6) grandfather clock nest boxes, different sizes, \$10/1 or \$50/all; (7) carrying cases, 5', \$20/1 or \$100/all; food bowls, water bowls & assorted toys, \$1/1 or \$100/all. E. Cenac, Houma; (985) 853-2328.

(30) lovebirds, all colors, including wh. mask, \$25/1, if all are taken, all are breeding age. Charles Rachal, Moreauville; (318) 985-2391.

Hf baby birds, unweaned, closed banded, cockatoos, \$550; Goffin cockatoos, \$550. Ellis Sisk, Baker; (225) 774-7414.

Cockatiels, hf & breeder age, grays, pieds, pearls, cinns., lutinos, albinos, wh. faces & most combinations, all seamless banded, certificates included, \$30/1-up.

Samantha Ivy, Morgan City; (985) 631-3498.

Wanted: mature wh.-fronted spectacled Amazon hen, scarlet macaw pr. prefer tame & in good feather. Ellis Sisk, Baker; (225) 774-7414.

Wanted: proven pr. Myers parrot, will swap or will pay cash for them. Charles Legaux, Edgard; (985) 497-3264.



Pharaoh quails, golden Manchurian & wh., newly hatched to grown, 35¢-\$1.5/1; eggs, 15¢/1; live, \$18/doz.; dressed, \$28/doz.; button quail eggs, 15¢/1; tuxedo chocolate quails. Harry Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

Wh. Emden geese, all ages, \$8-\$15/1. Roger Young, Eunice; (318) 457-5013.

Baby guineas, hatching every week, \$1.5/1. Lester Fuselier, Eunice; (337) 457-4265.

Extra large Pharaoh quail, \$2/1; hatching eggs, \$20/100 plus shipping. Henry Duhe, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-0061.

(6) Muscovy male ducks, \$5/1. B. Soileau, Mamou; (337) 468-5622.

Bobwhite quail eggs, Georgia giant, \$35/100. Preston Mire, Crowley; (337) 783-6635.

English callers, every color, blk. Indies, snowys, tri colors, etc., \$7/1. Stephen Dalton, Morganza; (225) 694-3318.

Flying mallards, \$7.5/1; bobwhite, \$2.75/1, depending on amount purchased; pickled eggs, \$4/pt.; bobwhite eggs, \$35/100. Geraldine Janise, Church Point; (337) 684-6871.

Blk. swans, '05 hatch, nice birds, pond ready, \$300/pr., young birds also avail. Nancy Wales, Kentwood; (985) 229-4464.

Bobwhite quail, Wisconsin jumbo, northern & Tenn., red, eggs, chicks & grown birds, Pharaoh & button quail also. Aaron Jolly, Jonesville; (318) 339-6609.

Baby chicks, barred rocks, \$1.25/1; Millie Flear, \$2/1; roosters, \$3/1. Lance Nelson, Gonzales; (225) 978-0778.

Fresh yard eggs, \$1.25/doz.; jumbo pharaoh quail eggs, \$25/100; quail avail. by order. D. Hutchinson, Springfield; (225) 294-4325.

Fresh yard eggs, \$1.25/doz.; wh. rock pullets, \$5/1-up. D. Hutchinson, Springfield; (225) 294-4325.

Bantam chickens, \$5/1-up. Ray Hutchinson, Springfield; (225) 294-3244.

Wood ducks, \$35/pr.; Mandarin, \$60/pr. Mike Yglesias, Zachary; (225) 262-0954.

Laying hens & pullets, \$7/1. Floyd Cook, St. Amant; (225) 675-2674 or (225) 715-0475.

Young roosters, Dominiques & butter cups, almost grown, \$4/1.

Rickey Pender, Colfax; (318) 627-3086.

Large Pharaoh baby quails, 30¢/1; adults, \$2/1; fertile eggs, \$10/100; large Humiaire incubator & hatcher combination, \$300. Patti Arnold, Cecilia; (337) 667-6632.

Baby ringneck pheasants, \$5/1; baby red golden, yellow golden, Lady Amherst & silver pheasants, \$10/1. R. J. Seibert, Braithwaite; (504) 421-4044.

Malaysian Serama bantam eggs, \$30/doz.; dark egg layers, Penedesenca eggs, blks., \$35/doz.; creles, \$50/doz., started chicks also for sale. Matthew Givs, Sunset; (337) 662-3637 or (337) 351-0815.

Jumbo Pharaoh quail, dressed, \$25/doz.; week old chicks, \$75/100; day old chicks, \$40/100; hatching eggs, \$20/100; pickling eggs, \$10/100. Danny Comeaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-4194 or (337) 658-9744.

Jumbo Pharaoh quail, live, \$2/1; dressed, \$28/doz.; pickled eggs, \$6/pt.; eggs, \$20/100. Shirley Franks, Lena; (318) 793-8018.

Silver Onagadori chicks to adults, \$3-\$30/1; natural heel game chicks, \$4-\$50/1. Mark Dugas, Church Point; (337) 684-3328 or (337) 224-5121.

Young English caller ducks, gray type, adult callers also, \$8/1. Dean Gunter, Lecompte; (318) 776-9235.

Bantams, BBR chicks, \$5/1; BBR pullets, \$8/1; BBR cockerals, \$5/1; wh. Cochin chicks, booted, \$8/1. Gary Chandler, Zachary; (225) 654-8203.

2005 hatched Old English game bantams, BB reds, \$5/1. Hugh Junca, Franklin; (337) 923-7223.

Baby guinea keets, each ticks & other insects, great watchdogs, fun to watch, \$3/1. Jeannie Guitreau, Gonzales; (225) 677-8964.

Mallards, \$4/1-up; geese, \$5/1-up; muscovys, \$2/1-up, all young birds, days-3 mos. Joe Ponthieux, Hessmer; ponthieux@peoplepc.com or (318) 563-8285.

(3) male red golden pheasants, '05 hatched, \$15/1. Darrell Arabie, Duson; (337) 849-3718.

Fresh eggs, \$1.25/doz. Charles Anderson, Minden; (318) 377-1009.

Wanted: white or brown leghorns, hens or pullets, 6 or 8 in Lafayette area. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

Wanted: guineas, chicks or grown, within 50 miles of Minden. D. G. Ambrose, Minden; (318) 382-9146.

Wanted: Leahy incubator, model 525 or smaller, working or not. Gerald Degeyter, Carencro; (337) 344-7552 or (337) 896-6290.

Wanted: dbl. yolk chicken eggs, will buy fair quantity. Leo Lyncker, Kenner; (504) 712-0948.

Wanted: chickens, pullets, young roasters, ducks, assorted geese turkeys & bantams, ½ grown or full grown & healthy, within 50 miles of Rayne. Wilbur Leger, Rayne; (337) 334-4949.

Wanted: guineas & turkeys, ½ grown or full grown, within 50 miles of New Orleans. Charlene Naquin, Arabi; (504) 276-7174.

Wanted: good 8 mo. African geese, mallard ducks, peacocks, Rhode Island, barred rocks, buff orpingtons, blk. Australorps, Turken chickens, broad breasted turkeys, purple pearl guinea, will trade rd. bale of hay, all del. to Saline. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

PIGEONS

Wh. racing homers, \$10/1; saddle backs, \$10/1; button quail, \$5/1; baby ducks, \$3/1. Leo Palmisano, Belle Chasse; (504) 656-2058.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Moving, must sell everything, breeding age does & bucks, \$20/1-up; NZW, NZR, MS, Calif. & San Juan, also 6+ wks., \$6/1-up; cages, various sizes, \$15/1-up, call before 7 p.m. Gerald or Caroline Porche, Port Allen; (225) 241-1361 or (225) 603-9740.

NZW, Dutch, mini rex, excel. breeding stock, \$7/1-up. D. Hutchinson, Springfield; (225) 294-4325.

NZW, NZW & checkered giant crosses, \$7/1-up. J. McBride, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

Wanted: NZ, Calif. & mixed breeds, 8 lbs. & up, 75¢/lb. Wade Rodi, Braithwaite; (504) 432-2170.

DEER & EXOTICS

Babies on bottle, Axis female, \$300; blackbuck female, \$250. Roland Pesson, Lake Charles; (337) 477-1283 or (337) 496-1669.

Fallow, blk. buck, big wh. tails & others, \$400/1-up. Jeff Swank, Delhi; (318) 878-4375 or (850) 519-1129.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

6" koi, \$5, in lots of 10. Warren Threadway, Prairieville; (225) 622-4770.

Channel catfish, fingerlings, \$10/100. J. Y. Davidson, Tickfaw; (985) 345-5830.

Blue Catfish, $25\phi/1$; channel catfish, $20\phi/1$; albino catfish, $30\phi/1$; bluegill, $20\phi/1$; hybrid bluegill, $25\phi/1$; Chinquapin, $25\phi/1$; bass, $50\phi/1$ -up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

BEES/HONEY

Wanted: Carrie the beekeeper, please call about the source for raw honey. J. Navratilova, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-7992.

Wanted: honeybees in hives & beekeeping equipment. Rob, Lafayette; (337) 237-1801.

FARM SERVICES

Hauling services, any items in or out of the state, \$3.85/mile round trip. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

Bush hogging. Charles Anderson, Minden; (318) 377-1009.

Horse boarding, 70 acres, w/own stall, quiet, peaceful, room to ride, also perfect place & quality care for lay ups, minutes from Lafayette & Evangeline Downs in Opelousas. Mark Allbright, Arnaudville; (337) 754-9104 or (337) 207-9156.

Wild hog removal, 7 days a week, between 6 a.m. & 9 p.m. Charlie Canizaro, Ponchatoula; (985) 320-4267 or (985) 370-0533.

Dog training, obedience, gun dog & hunt tests. Ben Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

Wanted: laser & leveling of 50 acres, farming ground for 10 yrs., would not take much work. Bimbo Relan, Amite; (985) 969-7325.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

Wanted: 10 more or less acres, in South Beauregard Parish, North DeQuincy to Starks area, \$2000-\$3000. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Blackberry tiger lilies, birdseye & aconcagua sweet pepper, Confederated rose, Job's tear, red & wh. cypress & purple bean vines, fancy bush cherry, true sweet lemon, \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

New crop Dutch hybrid Amaryllis seeds, separate colors, wh., pink, orange, dark red, \$2/20 seeds, w/SASE. Arthur Becnel, Jr., 14123 Hwy. 23, Belle Chasse, LA, 70037; (504) 656-2424.

Birdhouse & dipper gourd, cushaw green stripe, 30-seed packet, \$1.5/pkt. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Pine straw, machine baled, clean, del. avail., \$4/1. Ronald Gremillion, Zachary; (225) 933-7753.

Pine straw, machine baled premium quality mulch, clean, \$4/bale, at barn. Bruce Wallis, New Orleans; (504) 483-7775.

Daylilies, large to miniatures, singles & dbls., hundreds of colors & varieties, \$5/1-up; bulbs & perennials, \$5/1-up; poppy, larkspur & Texas bluebonnet seeds are free. Dean Stafford, Marksville; (318) 253-8384.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Chinese parasol, large leaves, shade tree, fast growers, grows to 30'-40', in gal. pots, up to 36", at place, \$5/1. Laura Dovalina, Metairie; (504) 831-2833.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., 2-gal., \$9.50/1; 20 varieties, SASE for list, will ship; Elliott pecan, 3', 6-gal., grafted, \$25 at place. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Magnolia, large. wh. flowers, loquat, Japanese plum, 7-gal., \$15/1; Brison blackberry, at place, \$4/1. James Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188

Tomato plants, BHN 640 & stiletto bell pepper, 4" pot, \$1.5, at place. J. Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188

All kinds of plants & trees, crape myrtles, 4 colors, 2'-6' tall, \$5-\$15/1; azaleas, 14 colors, \$2.5-\$5/1; cape jasmine, \$5/1; gardenia, \$6/1; old-time roses, 35 varieties, \$5/1; day lilies, hyd. lilies, iris, several colors, \$2.5/1. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

Fancy bush cherry, \$5/1; true sweet lemon, \$5/1; yellow native plum, \$5/1-up; dbl. pink/wh. Confederated rose, \$6/1; yellow candlestick, \$6/1, others at place. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Magnolia grandiflora, 3 & 4 gal., \$5-\$15/1; Celeste fig & brown turkey fig trees, 3-gal., \$8; jelly palms, \$8-\$15/1; Japanese plum, 3-gal., \$5/1; amaryllis red hybrids, by container size, \$2-\$10. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

Mayhaw trees, large fruited varieties, also select mulberry, crabapple, Mexican plum, American plum, native magnolia, burr oak, \$10-\$35/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Blueberries, U-pick, \$1.5/pt.; we pick, \$3/pt. James Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

FERTILIZER

Old horse manure, shavings, topsoil & sand mix, good for flower beds, \$12/yard. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

Free horse manure, great for gardens, you load & haul off. H. Stephenson, Bueche; 225-627-4348.

HAY & GRAIN

High quality Bermuda racehorse hay, sq. bales, \$3-\$4/1; rd. bales, \$20-\$45/1; cow hay, \$20-\$40/1, Milton area. Joe Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 856-4266 or (337) 230-7273.

Bahia sq. bales, stored in barn, \$3/1 or \$140/50 bales, first come first served. Ronald Cole, Jr., Basile; (337) 457-0665 or (337) 580-1685.

5x6 rd. bales, Bahia grass, fert., \$35/1; fert. Bahia grass, sq. bales, behind baler, \$3.5/1; rye grass, \$3.75/1; '04 rye grass, \$3/1. Delos Thompson, Jr., Folsom; (985) 796-9872.

2004 Bahia hay, 4x6 rd. bales, baled w/no rain, well fert. & cured, \$20/1. J. Prejean, Scott; (337) 873-6643.

Jiggs Bermuda, '05 season, horse quality, harvested every 30 days, call to book hay early, goes fast, behind baler, \$3/1. Gordon James Saltzman, Gueydan; (337) 536-6308 or (337) 581-9691.

2005 horse hay, Pensacola Bahia grass, 1st cutting, weed free, fert., fine stem, tight sq. bales, in field, \$3.5/1; in barn, \$4/1. David Joiner, Loranger; (985) 878-6734 or (985) 878-9002.

Alicia/Clover mix, 1st cutting, sq. bales, you load, \$3/1; rd. bales, Bahia mix, '05 crop, \$25/1; '04 season, 5x5 rd. bales, under shed, we load, \$25/1. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

Top quality Bahia hay, limed & fert., cured w/o rain, call for baling dates, sq. bales, behind baler, \$2.5/1; rd. bales, del. & loading avail., \$20/1. Chad Lasseigne, Prairieville; (225) 413-9138.

Premium quality Alicia Bermuda grass hay, super clean, fert. to soil test, large tight bales, avg. 10.5%-12.5% protein, in barn, del. avail., \$4/1, pine shavings, in 10 cu./ft. bags, \$5/1. Roy Varnado, Jr., Iota; (337) 824-3887.

First cutting was 4/20/05, on Alicia/Bahia/Coastal/Tifton44/Joh nson grass hay, 4x5 rd. bales, behind baler, \$25/1; off field, \$37.5/1; delivery to location, \$50/1 plus \$3.85/mile for hauling. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

2005 fert. Bahia & Alicia 4x5 rd. bales, conditioned, cut & cured, excel. quality, \$20/1; '04 hay, \$10/1. C.M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

6' Bush hog, model SQ72, excel. cond., \$700. I. E. Harrison, Bossier City; (318) 746-7806 or (318) 773-8779.

JD 510 rd. baler, 6x5, excel. shape, always stored in shed, \$4000. Jeff Bouillion, Rayne; (337) 873-3204.

1969 Farmall 404 gas, runs great, new paint, new battery, \$1500; '46 Farmall 100, runs great, new paint & battery, converted to 3 pt. hitch, \$1500. David Coleman, Baker; (225) 357-2268 or (225) 774-0555.

Vicon sq. baler, SP461, high speed baler, excel. cond., \$2500. Wayne Vidrine, Ville Platte; (337) 230-4731.

1460 JD Moco, 6 disc, w/rollers, \$4900. F. Perritt, Rayville; (318) 728-3035.

Red Cub trac., w/cult., \$1500; gearbox for Bush Hog brand mower, \$125; 6' offset disc, w/3 pt. hookup, \$600; 6' bush hog, \$450; cub for parts, \$400. Skeet Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

L185 Kubota trac., tires like new, \$1800. J. W. Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

1991 Case IH 1660 combine, 1000 engine hrs., 20', 1010 header, header trailer, \$25,000. Gerard Baudoin, Maurice; (337) 898-0590 or (337) 823-1672.

Int. combine 1460, \$7500; 6-row Int. corn header, \$2500; JD combine, 6600, \$2500; JD 6-row corn header, \$5000. Michael Naquin, Slaughter; (225) 654-5122.

6-row JD Vac. planter field ready, \$5000; 4 wheel high-boy spray rig, \$5500; spreader truck, \$2500; 6-row shaper, \$2500; Pixal bean picker, \$7500; tomato stick puller machine, \$7500. M. Naquin, Slaughter; (225) 654-5122.

New Jima 28 hp 4x4 w/new front-end loader, w/top, \$11,000. Dustin Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

NH 1012 bale wagon with manual, \$3200; MF super 90 trac., \$2500; (2) 3 pt. hitch hay forks, for rd. bales, \$100/1. Glenn Kenney, Sicily Island; (318) 722-3501.

(2) 29x12-15 on universal rims, for front, \$200. Alice Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

JD 535 rd. baler, field ready, \$6500. Ikie Roberts, Clinton; (225) 683-9235.

Ford 515 7' high speed mower, new bearings throughout, 3 pt. hitch, \$225; NH 7' sickle mower, 3 pt. hitch, \$75, nego. J. T. McDaniel, Leesville; (337) 463-6505.

Kuhn disc mower, 77HD 9', excel. cond., \$2500. J.W. Willis, Elm Grove; (318) 747-0079.

JD 6600 combine, with 18' header, hydro, \$2500. Jonathan Chatelain, Marksville; (318) 253-9100.

NH 254 tedder/rake w/manual, \$1750; Walton 3 pt. hitch rake & spare for parts, \$250; Hesston 4570 center line sq. baler, w/manual, excel. cond., used little, \$9800. Glenn Kenney, Sicily Island; (318) 722-3501.

NH 847 rd. hay baler, hydraulic tie, barn kept, field ready, \$2500. Jonathan Smith, Jonesville; (318) 339-6930.

MF 285, good cond., strong, great running, 82 hp trac., \$6000; NH 851 baler, good cond., includes a model 850 for parts, \$3000. D. Paxton, Zachary; (225) 405-1926.

NH 311 sq. baler, perfect cond., shed kept, low bales, field ready, \$4000. Ronald Fletcher, Holden; (225) 567-2363.

Bionic type grater blades, new 5', \$575; 6', \$660; 7', \$784; 7' commercial, \$1250. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

JD 4420 combine w/216 flex head, \$4500; JD 4-row 7100 plateless planters, \$1200; '73 C60 Chevy bobtail, 366 Int. engine, 17' steel bed, 2 spd. rear end, \$1200; '86 GMC bobtail 427 engine, 20' steel bed, 2 spd. rear end, air brakes, \$3800. Jay Helminger, Mansura; (318) 964-2189

JD 960 24' field cult., \$2800; JD 4-row floating pickup disc, w/jumbo Gandy chemical boxes, used 1 yr., all bearings & blades new, \$3500; JD 6-bottom turning plow, \$1200; Allis Chalmers 21' disc, \$600. J. Helminger, Mansura; (318) 964-2189.

1970 model NH bale wagon, self propelled, holds 60 sq. bales, \$600, no collect calls. Scotty Nunn, Jonesboro; (318) 259-6309.

7' gang choppers, 3 pt. hitch, can be used as single set & to build rows, \$700; 37 hp, 2424 Int., engine overhauled, new tires on rear, gas burner, real good cond., \$3200. Hayward Bourgeois, Laplace; (985) 652-5306.

Ford 8210 110 hp MFWD trac. cab/air, quick disconnect front-end loader, 2 remotes, 5000 hrs., good cond., \$18,500. Paul Smith, Gueydan; smithfarms@apgwireless.com or (337) 523-2978.

15' Amco disc, good cond., \$1500 obo. Ralph Nix, Mandeville; (985) 727-9758.

1996 NH 4630 trac., 55 PTO hp, 1000 original hrs., dual hydraulics, canopy, excel. cond, \$12,500. Harold Parker, Independence; (985) 878-2067.

4' Bush hog, new decking, 3 pt. hitch, \$250. D. Cannino, Hammond; (985) 542-0532.

JD 260 hay cutter, 8', good cond., \$3000. Duane Wilson, Slaughter; (225) 683-3044 or (225) 978-5699.

JD 7' front push blade, fits 50-80 hp JD trac., can be made to fit other brands of tracs., \$600. Joe Casida, Natchitoches; (318) 792-6999.

MF 245 diesel trac., \$4500 obo; Int. 3414 backhoe loader, \$4500 obo, will trade all for smaller machine. Felix Alfonso, Lafitte; (504) 689-2533 or (504) 367-3217.

JD model 410 rd. baler, 4x4 bales, \$1500. L. J. Courville, Loreauville; (337) 229-6541.

Hay rake, mounts w/3 pt. hitch, 8-wheel rake, must sell, \$550 obo. Keith Cahanin, Rayne; (337) 873-6607.

Vermeer 505 Super "I" rd. baler, w/bale kicker, excel. cond., always shedded, w/Vermeer RW 22, 10-wheel caddy rake, \$10,800. Berwick Olivier, Bourg; (985) 594-2740

JD model 60, live hydraulics, PTO looks & runs great, factory 3 pt. hitch, \$3250; JD A, new paint & decals, factory 3 pt. hitch, \$2850. M. Scheffler, Minden; (318) 377-5918.

JD 535 rd. baler, fully auto, w/bale monitor, shedded, excel. cond., \$13,000; Long 680 trac., w/metal canopy, wide tires on front, 64 hp, '02 model, excel. cond., \$12,000. Carroll Trahan, Lafayette; (337) 984-6267.

850 Case dozer, 6-way blade, brush cab, good shape, \$14,000. Bruce Maxey, Pollock; (318) 640-

NH 638 baler, shed kept, baled less than 900 bales, \$9000; JD 720 hay way, hauls 11 rd. bales, \$1200; NH 256 side del. rake, needs some repair, \$400. Mark Vining, Amite; (985) 748-8524 or (985) 748-7648.

Hesston 540 baler, 4x4, \$4000; NH fluffer, 3 pt. hitch, 10' wide, \$2000. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

NH 278 sq. hay baler, \$1750; NH 462 disc mower, \$1500; NH 462 disc mower, for parts, \$350. Ned Henry, Coushatta; (318) 352-4965.

(2) **16.9x30** R-1 trac. tires, 75% rubber, \$300. Norman Vicknair, Thibodaux; (985) 447-2997.

IH 560 LPG trac., runs good, \$1800; JD 506, 5' shredder, \$500; 6' shredder, \$400; 4-row Amco hippers, good blades, \$400; 65-gal. spray tank, 3 pt. mounted, \$250; light duty back blade, \$150; (1) set of IH AV hippers, \$100. Curry Bordelon, Washington; (337) 351-

Antique trac., IH 300, \$800; 4' grader blade, \$185; gear box stump jumper & blades, for side winder, \$60; bush hog gear box, \$60. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

2040 JD trac., w/5' bush hog, new tires & battery, good cond., \$6200. Johnnie Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 831-5621.

Single blade subsoiler, 3 pt. hookup, new, \$100; 3 pt. hookup plow, \$50; boom pole, \$50. Grover O'Banion, Ponchatoula; (504) 812-0019.

8" ITT Marlow PTO pump, \$1400; 1440', 6" alum. irrigation pipe, \$1.25/ft. if all taken, 2000' of 6" PVC irrigation pipe, 50¢/ft. if all taken. R. T. Faulk, Monroe; (318) 340-0680.

1-row riding digger, 2-row potato planter chisel plow, 4-row A & W hipper. Daniel LaBorde, Mansura; (318) 964-2902.

Sickle mower, 7', 2 blades, fits model 40 JD trac., fits under belly PTO driven, \$125. John Comeaux, Lake Charles; (337) 474-7420.

8570 JD 8-wheel trac., standard trans., 250 hp, 20.8-38 tires, 85% rubber, \$31,000; 1630 JD plowing disc, \$2000; 21' JD 235 disc, \$1500. P. Smith, Church Point; (337) 684-0100.

278 NH sq. baler, excel. cond., field ready, \$3800. Andy Aaron, Dubach; (318) 285-7687.

3 pt. quick hitch, for 30 hp trac., \$100. L. J. Courville, Loreauville; (337) 229-6541.

3'x7' drag harrow, built on 2 7/8" pipe frame, on 3 pt. hitch, 5" teeth on bottom, good for pens, arenas & dirt work, \$275. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

IH 706, LPG, wide front end,

needs work, 6-row cult., rolling cult., crop maker, JD 7100 planters, \$3500/all. Percell Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

JD 4840, power shift, mounted chemical spray tanks, C/H/A, dual 20.8 rear tires, ready to work, \$14,000 obo; JD 9910 cotton picker parts, any or all, \$2000 or will take 8' or 10' pasture clipper in trade. Judy Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

Ford 4610 w/loader, 8 spd., p/s, canopy, 53 PTO hp, low hrs., hyd. remotes, \$10,500; Ford 6610, canopy, 72 PTO hp, hyd. remotes, 1200 hrs., \$9800; Mitsubishi dozer, 7', 6-way blade, power shift, \$10,900. D. Barrere, Moreauville; (318) 997-2581.

Red cub trac., w/cult., \$1500; yellow & wh. cub w/belly mower, \$1800; gearbox for Bush Hog brand mower, \$125; 6' offset disc, w/3 pt. hookup, \$600; 6' bush hog, \$450; cub for parts, \$400. Skeet Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

Grade Master bionic dual blade, 6' box-type, used one time, paid \$600, asking \$500. J. L. McCraine, Clinton; (225) 978-3111.

Bolens hydrostat lawn mower, 18 hp, 48" cut, one owner, \$700. Darrell Marshall, Hessmer; (318/) 563-4983.

460 Long trac., w/front loader, runs well, needs some repair, \$3500. M. Roy, Centerville; (337) 578 3540

Miskin SP 313 land-grading scraper, 8 new tires, sand blasted & painted, excel. shape, \$22,000. Mark or Gerald Naquin, Thibodaux; (985) 526-4249.

1969 JD model 4520, 125 hp, dual wheels, runs & looks great, \$7500; '68 JD model, \$3020, w/new bush hog loader, \$11,000. Ed LeJeune, Iota; (337) 779-2572

1680 IH combine-rice, with Mud Hog, w/20' stripper header, very good condition, \$30,000. Bryan Bieber, Mamou; (337) 468-2760.

Cub trac., yellow & wh., side saddle, in excel. working cond., being used now w/48" Woods belly mower, turf tires, kept under shed, \$2375. Andy Simon, Baton Rouge; (225) 445-3981.

JD 4020 trac., w/dozer blade, '68 model, good cond., \$9000. Harry Miller, Glenmora; (318) 748-4569.

(2) 930 Case tracs., (1) runs, (1) for parts, on propane, power steering out, (2) rear tires on rims, 12' JD disc, \$1175 or trade. Starks Johnson, Lake Charles; (337) 598-2912.

IH 815 combine, w/four grain heads, 815 for parts, good motor, \$3000/all. Shaun Peck, Arnaudville; (337) 945-2700.

JD 8760, 4 wd, 300 H, rebuilt engine, \$36,000; cab & air, \$11,500; white disc, 12', \$1000. Gable Cormier, Lake Charles; (337) 855-7281 or (337) 794-3236.

650 NH rd. baler, standard pickup, \$6000; 650 NH rd. baler, wide pickup, older baler, \$4500; 664 NH rd. baler, wide pickup, \$7000. Tommy Thiels, Monroe; (318) 680-5991. IH 1460 combine, specialty rotor, rebuilt, w/820 header, \$7500; IH 490 disc 25', \$2200; (1) set of 250-gal. poly tanks & racks for Case Magnum, \$700. Derek Dauzat, Marksville; (318) 253-5386.

Ford 5000 diesel trac., new tires, \$6500; Int. 385 diesel trac., tires like new, \$6500. Scott Hebert, Eunice; (337) 302-3685 or (337) 432-5104.

1999 Class baler, Rollant 66, baled approx. 1000 bales, \$10,000; Class cutter, w/conditioner, 4 yrs., \$6500. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

678 NH baler, 5x5 like new, hardly used, \$15,000 nego. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

1998 JD 6300, 80 hp, 4 wd, canopy, 2800 hrs., w/heavy-duty loader, good rubber, nice, \$25,000. Myron Mayard, Lake Charles; (337) 274-8405.

JD side-delivery hay rake, wheel driven, w/3 pt. hitch adaptor, shed kept, in good cond., \$700. Felix Goudeaux, Jr., Melville; (337) 623-4710

V ripper, 6-rows, w/11 tines, excel. cond., \$800; (2) 3 pt. hitch, w/6-row lay-by spray rigs, \$150/1; 13'6" Bush Hog shredder, good cond., newly redecked & painted, \$1500. Sidney Thibodeaux, Jr., Morrow; (318) 346-6781.

W & A 8-row hipper, w/Orthman row markers, \$2600; Taylorway 8-row cult. w/fenders, \$1500; Bridger planter, 8-row, w/row markers, \$1200. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

300-gal. fuel tank, on 6' stand, \$400; 5' grader blade, 3 pt., \$275; 5' rake, 3 pt., \$250, both new, obo. A. J. Normand, Covington; (985) 893-0532.

1394 Case diesel trac., 4x4, 65 hp, \$4500; crawfish cages, \$300; diesel pump, \$100. Ray Couvillon, Abbeville; (337) 893-1996 or (337) 523-3228.

Ford 1910, 30 hp, \$4500; JD 1020, 40 hp, 5' cutter, \$4900; Kubota, 18 hp, very clean, \$3200; 6' cutter, \$600; 8' cutter, \$1500. Joe Major, Church Point; (337) 684-6474 or (337) 945-6969.

NH 850 rd. baler, \$1995; air blast orchard sprayer, good cond., \$1095; hydrostat trac., w/Christmas tree trimmer attachment, 1-man operation, takes the load off your back, perfect cond., \$3195. Paul Willhite, Downsville; (318) 982-5217.

Case 1690 diesel trac., 90 PTO hp, runs good, good tires, \$2800. Wayne Orgeron, Cut Off; (985)

Ford commercial diesel trac., w/6' bush hog, \$5000. M. Hardeman, Carencro; (337) 654-

NH 462 disc mower, \$1900; NH 276 sq. baler, super sweep, \$3800; Ford 5000 diesel, 1 remote, \$4500; Vermeer 605K, '99 model, \$6800; IH 784 diesel, 4-post, good, \$5600; NH 1044 120 bale wagon, \$4000; Athens 10' breaking disc, \$1000. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876

JD 6600 combine, w/18' header, hydro, \$2500. Jonathan Chatelain,

Marksville; (318) 253-9100 or (318) 305-2460.

Gear driven pole-hole digger auger, 12" diameter, 5' height, model 350, serial# 1846-1154, tele-elect. Minneapolis-Moline, \$200 obo, cash only. Boots Guillot, Lacombe; (985) 882-7101.

Yanmar diesel trac., 25 hp, 1600 hrs., new battery, clean, good cond., 3 pt. hitch, 2 spd. PTO, \$2800. Doug Campbell, Ethel; (225) 978-0632.

Vermeer 605 G rd. baler, \$3200; NH 442 disc mower, \$1800; Bolens, 3 cyl. diesel trac. w/mower, \$1700; MF 200B dozer, w/6-way blade & good undercarriage, \$6800; NH 848 4x4 rd. baler, \$4600; modern new 6' angle blade, \$350. J. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 729-3441.

Wanted: old iron wheel trac., the kind w/iron cleats for grips. Brian Fournet, Breaux Bridge; (337) 237-5423 or (337) 257-0731.

Wanted: Case 450 dozers, any shape, whole or in parts. P. R. Krantz, Krotz Springs; (337) 592-0170

Wanted: 2 rims & tires, 16.9x14-30 6-hole, fit Ford Super Major. Fred Schlesinger, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2213.

Wanted: drag-type harrow, w/rail road spikes, close to Crowley or within 50 miles. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

Wanted: Rhino TW 72 6' bush hog, any cond. Paul Kleinpeter, Port Allen; (225) 749-6000.

Wanted: 15' Rhino or Bush Hog brand cutter, must be in excel. shape. Fred Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-1873.

Wanted: used 3 pt. backhoe. Pete Touchet, Jennings; (337) 824-2020 or (337) 824-3601.

Wanted: 65-125 4x4 JD trac., with front-end loader, JD 450 dozer for parts, any cond. Kevin Murphy, Folsom; (985) 796-9681.

Wanted: quick hitch hay spear, for a 32LA NH quick attach loader. J. W. Willis, Elm Grove; (318) 747-0079.



1978 1-ton Dodge motor home for parts, \$400; '83 Ford 1-ton differential springs & tires, \$125; Dodge 225 head, \$25. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

1976 Ford F-600, with 14' flat dump bed, with sides, \$4500. Bobby Harper, Grant; (337) 328-2213.

Tommy lift for full-sized pickup, 2 yrs., paid \$1700, will take, \$800. Don Wilson, Oakdale; (318) 335-0607.

(4) 2003 Chevy Silverado truck tires & rims, w/6-holes, Goodyear P245/75 R16 tires, in good shape, \$250. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

2002 Sierra GMC, V8, auto, towing, extra leaf in spring, 255 x 70-16 tires, 53,000 miles, bed liner & rails, \$11,900. Martin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865 or (337) 360-6075.

1995 Chevy truck, w/tandem dump, ready to work, \$18,500; '90 Int. D.T. 466 w/tandem dump, \$15,500; '90 Mack RD w/tandem dump, \$20,000. John Fell, Scott; (337) 873-6870.

Welding rig, '81 Chev. 1-ton, SA-200 Lincoln welder, \$3750. Jimmy Farmer, Sicily Island; (318) 389-5019 or (318) 389-9922.

1990 F-700 429-4V, cab & chassis, 10 spd. forward, LPG, 235,000 miles, very good cond., \$2560; '94 GMC, 6L, fuel injection, 10 spd forward, equip. for PTO drive, steel flatbed, new trailer brake controller, professionally maintained, clean, \$4750. James Campbell, Ethel; (225) 978-0632.

1993 Ford-350, 2-door 1-ton, 7.3 banks turbo diesel, steel bumper, headache rack, toolbox, running boards, fender skirts, (2) trailer plug-ins, \$5500. J. Johnson, Mandeville; (985) 626-4938 or (504) 473-5844.

1996 Ford F-350 XLT crew cab power stroke diesel, 5 spd., long bed, all elec., carpet, gooseneck hitch, 10,000 lb. receiver hitch, wh. w/tinted windows, truck is clean & in great shape, \$9800. Joe Casida, Natchitoches; (318) 792-6999.

2003 Ford-250, super duty, 26,000 miles, 5.4 V8, automatic trans., extended cab & short bed, running boards, brush guard, a/c, bucket seats, am/fm cassette/CD radio, \$20,000. Bobby Womack, Denham Springs; (225) 664-2509.

1976 Chevrolet truck, w/18'x8'x4' gooseneck hyd. dump grain trailer, \$9000. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

2001 Ford F-350 dually, 2 wd, 7.3 power stroke, quad cab, loaded, average miles, auto, excel. cond., silver, \$18,500. Myron Mayard, Lake Charles; (337) 274-8405.

6000 lb. Hyster fork lift, dual wheels, no brakes, \$1500; '86 Chevy 1-ton 6'x11' flatbed dump, \$1500; (2) 10,000 lb. 8-bolt axles, w/springs & hangers, \$150. Huey Tuffle, Zwolle; (318) 645-6805.

1994 Dodge pickup, 79,000 miles, 318 V8, single, cab long bed, good work truck, \$2500 or trade for cattle of equal value. Brian Leger, Port Barre; (337) 585-5385.

1988 Suzuki Samurai 4 wd, 10 spd. forward, good cond., \$3000. Jerome Hammons, Many; (318) 256-2420.



1988 48' Refer, road ready, good tires, good cond., \$5595. Paul Willhite, Downsville; (318) 982-5217

(35) cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to

excel. cond., del. avail., \$500-\$1500. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

Red '02 Circle W horse trailer, 6'x10', w/removable partition, \$2500. Dominick Costanza, Kenner; (504) 251-2123.

1983 Chevrolet C-class motor home, 350 motor, runs good, sleeps 6, has bathroom, w/shower, 23', \$4000. Arthur Cleveland, Tickfaw; (225) 567-3590 or (985) 320-3521.

2005 Ponderosa 2-horse slant load van, dressing room, mats, pads, drop windows, full escape gate, spare, wood lining, \$5900. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

2005 Ponderosa trailer, 16' bumper pull, \$3288; '05 16'x6'x6'6'' gooseneck, \$3988; rd. pins, all sizes, \$600/1-up. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

2001 Pioneer camper trailer, 28', 5th wheel, w/super slide-out, like new cond., \$11,000. Fred Mayeaux, Hessmer; (318) 563-8433.

4'x8' utility trailer, 15" boxed-in sides, tilt, ramps, winch, perfect for lawn mower or 4 wheeler, \$350. Barton Broussard, Kaplan; (337) 322-7765.

20' gooseneck hyd. dump trailer, w/5; sides & 4 tires, excel. cond., \$3500. David Nichols, Lake Charles; (337) 855-9254.

1996 CM 3-horse slant load, bumper pull, 4-horse slant load gooseneck, 2-horse bumper-pull, w/w trailer, 32' flatbed dual tandem gooseneck, 24' gooseneck flatbed dovetail, \$2500. Ricky Jordan, Oakdale; (318) 452-4795 or (318) 335-3926.

4500 lb. 4-wheel fert. spreader, \$700. M. Hardeman, Carencro; (337) 654-4341.

2003 18x102x5' dovetail, heavyduty trailer, brakes on every axle, gooseneck, \$4000. D. Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

3-seat Amish buckboard, 1 or 2 horse pull, \$1200. Sarah Meche, Church Point; (337) 873-4041.

Cart & harness for small horse, all wood, new, very nice, extra training wheels, \$500/all, cash only, firm. David Reinhart, Simpson; (337) 383-6108.

20' bumper-pull low boy trailer, 6'10" wide, 6000 lb. axles, elec. brakes, loading ramps, \$2900. L. Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

2000 3-horse slant gooseneck trailer, 2' short wall, dressing room & tack, elec. brakes, good cond., \$3850. Wes White, Melville; (337) 623-3754 or (337) 308-0165.

1998 Silver Star 4-horse alum. slant load trailer, dressing room, ac/heat, cowboy shower, rear tack, completely insulated, drop-down windows, excel. cond., \$15,850. W. White, Melville; (337) 623-3754 or (337) 301-0165.

6'x14' single axle trailer, pipe railing, 4' folding tailgate ramp, mounted spare tire, hand winch, 3500 lb. axle, all lights, like new, \$850. Percell Green, Jr., Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

20' flatbed bumper hitch trailer, 6000 or 7000 lb. axles, also 5000-7000-gal fuel tank. Wayne Miller, Pecan Island; (337) 737-2545.

1974 Packard demo dump trail-

er, 22', \$3000; '78 Palmer demo dump trailer, 22', \$3000. John Fell, Scott; (337) 873-6870.

2004 18x102x5' dovetail, heavyduty trailer, brakes on every axle, gooseneck, \$4000. D. Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

2004 Exiss alum. horse trailer, 3-horse slant rear removable tack front dressing room, mattress & potty, \$12,500. Casey George, Dry Creek; (337) 328-8229.

New Class 3 hitch, w/adapter & RV weight bars, \$75. Betty Stockman, Oakdale; (318) 335-2967.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

55-gal. plastic drums, \$8; 35-gal. plastic drums, \$7; 20-gal. plastic drums, \$6. D. Cannino, Hammond; (985) 542-0532.

2 3/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft.; new 8" PVC 200', \$2/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

(2) 600-bushel grain tanks, w/unloading augers, \$1200. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

15" sq. cut barrel saddle, very good cond., basket weave, with roughout fenders, silver conchos, \$325. V. Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637

110 volt Sta-Rite pump & motor, \$100; tank & hold house filter, \$50. Louis Van Hoof, Lecompte, (318) 776-5405.

6"x14"x20" creosoted bridge timbers, good cond., \$45/1. J. Berlin, Pineville; (318) 445-0600.

Okra cutters, large hand operated, \$130/1. Franklin Courvelle, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

150-gal. propane tanks, 4 yrs., paid \$430, sell for \$200. Richard Reeves, Kinder; (337) 639-2602.

Sweetlix molasses tub, 200 lb., \$38; 10' feed troughs, \$110; 5' feed troughs, \$89; automatic head gate, \$350. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

(2) 4'x2" turn buckles, \$60. Harry Allan, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8260

(2) **Wisconsin** engines, for parts, \$60/1; Onan, for parts, \$50; 5' x6' fuel tank, \$150. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

8'x12' cattle guard, heavy duty, \$300; 16' JD disc, \$1000. Raymond Peters, Oakdale; (318) 748-8863.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, all include 4' bow gate, 7 bars, 16 gauge, 40' rd. pen, \$730; 50', \$895; 60', \$1115. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Large PTO-driven feed mixer wagon, w/side del. augers & electronic scales, very good operating cond., \$2500. Nell Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789 or (985) 969-6007.

2001 Honda 4 wd Foreman 450-S, well maintained, green, \$3500. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan; (318)

2 3/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft.; 3 ½" tubing, \$1.75/ft., small & larger sizes also avail. Terri Brasseaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8462.

Old grist mill, kept in shed, \$1550. Fred Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-1873.

Blk. iron pipe, 1" sch. 40, 50¢/ft.; 2" sch. 40, \$1.15/ft.; 3" sch. 10, \$1.21/ft.; 2 3/8" drill stem, \$25/1; 2 7/8" drill stem, \$30/1; 6" pipe, \$4/ft. E. H. Welch, Kentwood; (985) 229-8590.

Galvanized tubing, 14 ga., 2"x3", \$1/ft.; 8 gauge, 3"x3", \$2.27/ft.; 11 gauge, 3"x3", \$1.67 ft.; 11 gauge, 2"x3", \$1.45/ft.; 12 gauge, 1 ½"x1 ½", 83¢/ft. Colton Terrell, Kentwood; (985) 514-0722.

4-wheel cattle feeder, \$600; wooden manual feeder, \$200; (2) creeper feeders, \$60/1; large 2-wheel liquid feeder, \$300; small 2-wheel liquid feeder, \$200. M. Hardeman, Carencro; (337) 654-4341.

(3) rd. galv. hay racks, \$125/1; (2) 275-gal. plastic & metal molasses transport tanks, \$100/1; (4) feed troughs, \$40/1. Michelle Hardeman, Carencro; (337) 654-4341.

Troy-Bilt 5 hp chipper shredder, like new, \$300. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

8'x10' walk-in cooler, on metal skids, w/1 hp compressor, \$4000 nego. Gerard Baudoin, Maurice; (337) 523-1672.

2 7/8" drill pipe, 90¢/ft.; 55-gal. drums, plastic, \$15/1. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

Galv. rd. pens, 5' tall, all include 4' walk-through bow gate, del. avail, 50', \$750; 60', \$850; 6' tall, w/4' gate, \$900. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

Galv. corral panels, del. avail., 5'x10', \$45/1 or \$1050/25; 5'x12' heavy-duty, \$65/1; 6'x12' heavy duty, \$75/1; 6'x10', \$55/1. Billy Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

Large assortment of corral panels & gates, 16' panels, \$64.5; 12' panels, \$56; 10' panels, \$54, all 18 gauge. C. Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

13" children's western riding saddle, 30 yrs., in good cond., just saddle, \$125 firm. Evans Cormier, Sr., Crowley; (337) 788-3120.

Long back hoe attachment, 3 pt. hookup, ready to go to work, \$2700. Becky Thiels, Monroe; (318) 325-9994.

New harness leather martingales, w/brass hardware, \$25; alum. grazing bit, w/headstall, \$20; youth stirrups, w/leathers to hang on saddle, \$20; green pony blanket, \$25. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

2004 yellow 4x4 Honda rancher 4 wheeler, excel. cond., \$4500. Casey George, Dry Creek; (337) 328-8229.

Bread & raw dough, suitable for animal feed, avail. at no charge, from Leidenheimer Baking Co. in New Orleans. Bren, New Orleans; swhann@leidenheimer or (800) 259-9099.

5 ½" steel pipe, over 8' long Great F fencing, \$12 a joint or will fabricate them for you, \$65 & up; 6-drawer metal desk, great for home or shop, \$70. Keith Matte, Branch; (337) 334-9272.

(**70+**) "**T**" **posts**, \$1.5/1, some barbed wire. John, Patterson; (985) 397-2905.

Canning jars, (39) qt. jars, \$22;

(24) pint jars, \$10; (8) 1 ½ pint jars, \$5/1; (12) ½ pints, \$4; box misc., \$4. Patsy Cook, Covington; (985) 892-7058.

Assorted tools, pipe clamps, beveling machines, pine cutters & threaders, \$25/1-up; (2) P235-85 R16 tires, like new, (1) Uniroyal, (1) Firestone, \$50/1; others, \$5/1-up; 30-ton hydraulic press, \$250; 6"-24" pipe, \$3/ft. & up; old-time combination safe, very heavy, \$750. Janice Pitre, Opelousas; (337) 543-7289.

3 phase elec. motors, 20-200 hp, \$5/hp; garden tools, rakes, hoes, shovels etc., \$5/1-up; hand tools, hammers, saws, levels, jacks, barrel pumps, \$5/1; portable engine hoist, w/extendable boom & 2 spd. ram, \$150; 1010 coats tire machine, \$450. Morris Pitre, Opelousas; (337) 543-7289.

Temporary electrical builder's pole, \$100; 10" PVC schedule 40 pipe, various lengths, \$4.5/ft. L. J. Courville, Loreauville; (337) 229-6541.

Wanted: feed mixer wagon, not more than 5 yrs. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Wanted: new or used "T" posts, willing to purchase 2000 for \$1/1. Don Wilson, Oakdale; (318) 335-0607.



Goat milk soap, natural & good for your skin, no petroleum or artificial ingredients, various scents, \$4/1. Melanie Blackmer, Lake Charles; Pdavenp913@aol.com or (337) 478-2208.

Strawberry jam, \$3.99; jalapeno raspberry jelly, \$4.29. Charles Anderson, Minden; (318) 377-1009.

Wanted: vendors for Saturday, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Charlestown Market, 1001 Ryan St., Lake Charles, produce, homemade food items, baked goods, candies, homemade crafts, honey, eggs, nuts, plants, etc., every Saturday. Sandra Bullock, Westlake; (337) 436-0579.

Wanted: vendors for Saturday morning St. Martinville Creole Farmers' market, homemade food items, food & fresh from the farm products, crafts welcome, no vendor fee. Wanda Barras, St. Martinville; (337) 394-6683 or (337) 519-0231.

Wanted: old sugar or syrup kettles, any size. Steven, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

Wanted: old coke machines or signs. Kathy, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.





Celebrate Dairy in June

Sweet Corn Chowder

5 ears fresh sweet white corn

3 bacon slices, chopped ½ medium onion, diced

4 cups chicken stock or canned broth

½ tsp. dried thyme, crumbled

1 bay leaf

2 tbsps. cornstarch

2 tbsps. water

2 cups whipping cream 3/4 cup cooked wild rice

Cut corn kernels from cobs. Reserve kernels and cobs. Cook bacon in heavy large saucepan over medium-high heat, until fat is rendered. Add onion and sauté until onion is tender, about 3 minutes. Add corn cobs, stock, thyme and bay leaf. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Remove cobs. Dissolve cornstarch in 2 tbsps. of water and mix into soup. Add corn kernels, cream and rice. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and simmer until corn is tender, about 5 minutes. Season with salt & pepper.

Yogurty Slaw

2 cups shredded cabbage 1/2 cup shredded carrots

1 minced onion

2 tbsps. plain yogurt 2 tbsps. mayonnaise

1 ½ tbsps. skim milk

1 ½ tsps. lemon juice

½ tsp. sugar

black pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Toss to coat well. Cover and chill at least 2 hours.

Spinach Soufflé

2 (10 oz. pkgs.) frozen, chopped spinach, cooked & drained 2 lbs. small curd cottage cheese

1/2 cup butter, melted salt and pepper to taste

1/2 lb. grated cheddar cheese

6 eggs, beaten

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all ingredients and spoon into 2 quart casserole dish. Bake 45 minutes or until set.

Stuffed Tomatoes

6 large tomatoes

1 pkg. frozen, chopped spinach 1/2 cup chopped parsley

8 oz. ricotta cheese

1 1/2 cups grated fontina cheese 2 large garlic cloves, pressed

fresh black pepper to taste

1/2 tsp. anchovy paste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Thaw spinach and squeeze out liquid. Peel tomatoes by dipping into boiling water for 1 minute, letting cool and pulling skin off. Cut top off each tomato and scoop out seeds and pulp. Mix spinach and cheese together. Add pepper, parsley, anchovy paste and garlic. Stuff each tomato with mixture. Bake in oven for 5 minutes until heated through. Serve warm.

Catfish Supreme

3 1/2 lbs. Louisiana farm-raised

catfish filets

1 stick butter

1 bunch green onion tops, chopped

1 medium yellow onion, chopped 1/2 bunch parsley, chopped

1 green bell pepper, chopped

1 lb. Louisiana crawfish tails Creole seasoning to taste

1/2 pint half and half

3 oz. pkg. cream cheese

der. Add seasoning and crawfish and sauté 10 minutes. Add half and half and cream cheese. Cook until cheese melts and sauce thickens. Serve over catfish filets. Serves 10.

Sauté onion tops, onion, parsley and bell pepper in butter until ten-

Chocolate Ice Cream

1 quart half n' half 1 cup sugar

1 1/2 squares unsweetened chocolate or 1/4 cup prepared

1 tbsp. vanilla

2 tbsps. hot water

Melt chocolate, and dilute with hot water to pour easily, add to cream; then add sugar, salt, and flavoring, and freeze according to manufacturers directions.

Fig Ice Cream

3 cups milk

1 1/2 cups heavy cream

1 cup sugar

5 eggs whites 1 tbsp. vanilla

1 tsp. salt

2 tbsps. brandy

1 lb. figs, finely chopped

Make custard of yolks of eggs, sugar, and milk; strain, add figs, cool, and vanilla and brandy. Add whites of eggs beaten until stiff and heavy cream beaten until stiff; freeze following manufacturers instructions.

Coming Your Way

Coco's Boer Goats is hosting a pen sale with guest consignors at 1 p.m. June 25 at 24289 Hwy. 190 in Robert.

More than 50 does, bucks and wethers will be available for sale.

Early birds are welcome on sale day and visitors are encouraged to view animals prior to sale day.

For more information, contact Beth at (985) 345-1103 or Karen at (225) 654-7327. Additional information is also available by email at bethcoco@i-55.com or on the Web at www.cocoboergoats.com.

Deep South Stock Horse Show Association will hold open horse shows Aug. 6, Aug. 20 and Sept. 3 at Shady Park Arena in Baton Rouge.

The shows include Western judged and

timed events.

Halter begins at 9 a.m., judged at 10:30 a.m. and speed after 1 p.m.

High point and high point reserve awards will be presented at each show. Points will accrue for end-of-the-year awards.

For more information, contact Jenny Redhead at (225) 978-2447.

Silver Spur Riders Club will host open horse shows July 2, Aug. 27 and Sept. 3 beginning at 8 a.m. at Burton Coliseum's indoor arena in Lake Charles.

Classes include English, halter, judged Western and speed events.

Stalls, hookups and concessions available. For more information, contact Renee Jordan at (337) 855-3279.

Calcasieu Horseman's Club will host open horse shows July 9, Aug. 13 and Sept. 24 at the Burton Arena in Lake Charles.

The shows are PAC approved and feature four age divisions and classes for special needs riders

Classes include halter, color, showmanship, leadline, Western and English disciplines, reigning and speed events.

Seven additional shows are planned for the remainder of the year.

For more information, contact (337) 528-9441 or (337) 794-0662.

Two events are being held in June at the Acadia Rice Arena in Crowley.

June 25 the Acadiana Amateur Timed Events

June 25, the Acadiana Amateur Timed Events Association will host a show at 6 p.m. with

books opening at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Reed or Gail Landry at (337) 276-6932.

June 26, the J&L Junior Rodeo will begin at 10 a.m.

Call in for the show is June 21 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at (337) 779-3413.

The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Sale Company's Summer Open Mixed Thoroughbred Sale will begin at 10 a.m. Aug. 7 at Blackham Coliseum in Lafayette.

About 150 head, including yearlings, twoyear-olds, racing age horses, broodmares and 3in-one packages, will be sold.

For catalogs or more information, contact the LTBSC at (337) 896-6152 or email ltbsc1@aol.com.

Eggcellent retirement, continued from page 12



Bourgeois has crammed 30 years of egg decorating supplies into a large antique armoire at her Abbeville home (above). The first egg she ever decorated was a diorama mounted inside a chicken egg featuring a Christmas winter scene (below). An ostrich egg provided the shell for an elegant purse, decorated in a Baroque brilliance of stones, paint and beads (bottom right).

a chicken egg she had kept for more than 30 years for the state egg.

"All the eggs you find today are so thin they break if you just look at them," Bourgeois said. The old egg shell was brittle after years of lying in her huge cabinet with her egg decorating tools and supplies, but after an overnight soak in tap water the egg was in fine shape.

Bourgeois started her egg deco-

rating hobby in the '70s as she neared retirement from the Vermilion Parish school system. She taught everything from first-grade to senior English and served as a school principal.

"I had five children and a husband and was teaching school," Bourgeois said. "I taught every subject under the sun."

What was once Bourgeois' hobby has become her passion. Her bungalow in downtown Abbeville has vestiges of egg art in nearly every room. Her front room boasts no less than four display cabinets filled with poultry masterpieces. An antique armoire in her bedroom is jammed full of boxes upon boxes of egg decorating accessories, paints and egg crates.

"I bet nobody makes use of an armoire the way I do," laughed Bourgeois.

Each container is filled with every trinket imaginable that could be used to festoon an egg, including beading, glitter, costume jewelry and shiny glass rhinestones.

She opened one crate to reveal a cache of hinges, hooks and egg door pulls.

"I find these things at sales for

25 cents and I grab them," Bourgeois said.

And even with a closet full of egg decorations she's constantly on the

lookout for the perfect adornment for an egg project.

"See all these old necklaces? People give them to me," Bourgeois said.

And the eight-foot armoire is not big enough to handle her passion.

"Every time I see an egg display base I like, I buy it and stick it under the bed," Bourgeois admitted.

While Bourgeois' White House display egg was constrained by design rules, she is capable of creating a work of art approaching Baroque elegance. Even the first egg she decorated decades ago seemed to have more detail than her charming Washington chamnion

"My sister-in-law first exposed me to the egg decorating craft. At the time she was decorating eggs for Christmas gifts. They were dioramas," Bourgeois said.

Bourgeois retrieved a green egg from her display case. It featured an oval opening lined with lacy piping to reveal a tiny winter scene complete with snow-covered house, Christmas trees, snow drifts and a horse-drawn sleigh. A delicate brass closed-end hook topped the decoration

"This was my first egg, but if I were to do this egg again, I'd cut the tree better than that. I'd snip off all that extra white around the tree," Bourgeois explained.

She has now made more than 75 holiday ornament eggs for her family's Christmas tree and given away numerous ones to family and friends.

After her initial foray into egg decorating Bourgeois went to Dallas for a large egg show and was mesmerized.

"I went to the show and I couldn't sleep at all that night," Bourgeois gleefully recalled. "The most gorgeous things. From then on I learned to use the different methods."

Among those techniques was decoupage.

"I liked to use decoupage because you could use paper," Bourgeois explained. "You could use cutouts from Christmas cards and napkins. Napkins are the best because they're on thin paper."

To start the decorating process, each egg must be cleaned and disinfected. This is done by drilling two small holes in the egg and forcing the yolk contents out. The egg is then soaked in a disinfectant bleach solution.

Using a Dremel high-speed cutting tool, Bourgeois has mastered the critical step of sawing openings on the eggs to mount dioramas or meld an elegant hinge on the thin shell

Did she know she had the mechanical skill to operate a precision power tool?

"I didn't know I had any kind of skill," Bourgeois remembered. "When I got started with egg decorating I didn't realize I could do all this."

She has worked with a variety of eggs from the mammoth ostrich egg all the way down to the small parakeet.

Sometimes an egg's natural tinting is so beautiful it needs no paint or decoration.

"This is a tinamou egg," Bourgeois said as she pointed to a glossy green egg. (The tinamou is a

bird native to the tropical lowlands of South America.) "That's the egg's natural sheen and color. They also come in pink. I wish I had a pink one because they're no longer available."

She has painted and decorated and hinged and bejeweled turkey eggs, emu eggs, alligator eggs, black swan eggs and pheasant eggs. Tiny finch eggs become earrings. Chicken eggs make for the perfect Christmas decoration. Large rhea eggs become

family keepsakes filled with lockets that open to reveal precious family photographs. Ostrich eggs become purses. The ostrich egg is also the artist's medium of choice to replicate the holy grail of decorated eggs, the Faberge egg.

"The standard for egg artists is the famous Faberge eggs and nearly every egg artist at some time or another has copied them," Bourgeois said. "Everybody is trying to simulate Faberge. That's how it all started.

"But Faberge used precious metals with real jewels, diamonds and rubies. The custom has continued through the years and everybody tries to make one like Faberge."

Even after 30 years of excellence in egg artistry, Bourgeois is eager to recover from hip surgery and resume her egg work.

"Egg decorating has taken me places and I've met people I wouldn't have met," Bourgeois reminisced. "I look at things in a different way now."

For more information about egg decorating, visit www.emuszine.com/eggs/egging_s upplies.htm or www.eggsbybyrd.com.





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Crescent City Farmers Market Locations:

#1-700 Magazine St. & Girod St. Saturday 8 a.m. - noon

Jan. - Dec.

#2 - Uptown Square, 200

Broadway

Tues. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Jan. - Dec.

#3 - French Market Place & Governor Nicholls

Wed. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Jan. - Dec.

#4 - American Can Parking Lot 3700 Orleans Ave.

Thurs. 3 p.m.-7 p.m., year round

OUACHITA PARISH

Monroe

Monroe Farmers Market 1212 Washington St. Mon. - Sat.

6 a.m. - 1 p.m. June - Aug. 20

West Monroe

West Monroe Farmers Market 1700 North 7th St.

Mon. - Sat.

6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ST. LANDRY PARISH

Opelousas

St. Landry Farmers Market 952 East Landry St., Hwy. 90 Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 6 a.m. - 11 a.m., Jan.-Dec.

ST. MARTIN PARISH

St. Martinville

St. Martinville Creole Farmers

Market

Evangeline Blvd. & Main St. Sat. 9 a.m. - 12:30, May-Dec.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH Covington

Covington Farmers Market City Hall, 609 North Columbia Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wed. noon - 4 p.m. Jan. - Dec.

Mandeville

Mandeville Trailhead Community Market

675 Lafitte St.

Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

Hammond

Cate Square Farmers Market Charles St. & Oak St. Sat. 9 a.m. - noon, Jan. - Dec.

TERREBONNE PARISH

Houma

Cajun Farmers Market of Houma

- Terrebonne

Tunnel Blvd. & Naquin St. Mon. - Sat.

6 a.m. - 6 p.m., Jan. - Dec. **WASHINGTON PARISH**

Bogalusa

Bogalusa Farmers Market 500 Block of Columbia St. Sat., 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Jun. - Oct. 2

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St. Francisville

St. Francisville Farmers Market agricultural pavilion (4-H Barn) Wilcox St.

Thurs. 1:30-5:30 p.m., May-Nov.

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Winnfield

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An educator's







By Sam Irwin

Eggs have fragile shells. No one knows this better than egg artist Velta Bourgeois of Abbeville.

Thirty years of egg decorating recently garnered Bourgeois a national audience when she was selected by the Louisiana Egg Commission to create a decorated egg representing the state at the 2005 White House Easter

celebration this

Eggcellent retirement

past March.

The egg commission, made up of members of the state's egg industry and staffed by Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry personnel, annually selects an egg designed by a Louisiana egg artist.

Unfortunately, Bourgeois accidentally fell and broke her hip in the streets of Washington, D.C., enroute to the prestigious egg display opening.

"The accident happened the night before so I wasn't able to see it," Bourgeois said. Judging from photographs her daughter took of the exhibit, Bourgeois was pleased with the place her egg took in the pantheon of egg artistry.

"My egg wasn't the best one, but it was nicer than some of the ones I saw," the 85-year-old egg artist said.

The requirements for the White House egg show are fairly simple. All eggs must be a standard large-size chicken egg with a decoration depicting a special feature, theme, icon or location of the entrant's

home state.

Bourgeois applied three ovalshaped mini-murals edged with rhinestones to her egg, which she painted deep blue. One mural featured the state seal; another a Louisiana map. The third highlighted the poultry, crawfish, cotton, rice, beef and other state agricultural commodities. Her entry was chosen in late 2004 and shipped by LDAF officials to the American Egg Board in Illinois via UPS. The AEB hauled the fragile collection to Washington and set up the display.

"I had no idea I was going to be chosen," Bourgeois said. "Mr. (Pete) Broussard (assistant commissioner of Agro-Consumer Services for LDAF) saw my name in the International Egg Art Guild directory and the Egg Commission decided to choose someone from Abbeville."

Oddly enough, as if waiting for the proper moment, Bourgeois used See Eggcellent retirement, page 10

the 2005 White **House Easter** celebration (clockwise from left). Bourgeois holds a tiny model of a snow-covered house complete with battery-powered illumination that will fit inside a Christmas egg. She has decorated hundreds of chicken eggs as **Christmas** ornaments and maintains a collection of unfinished eggs in all sizes and shapes, including the oversized ostrich and rhea eggs and the delicate para-

keet and cockatiel.

Velta Bourgeois' painted egg featured three famil-

iar Louisiana emblems -

the state capitol, the

state seal and agricul-

ture commodities - and

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